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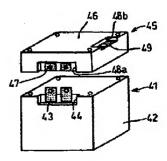
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Continuation of 11. does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: Applicant's newly added claim limitations wherein the inverter unit is attached and fixed, in physical contact with a side of the battery by a metal plate, require new search and consideration. Applicant is informatively directed to JP Application No. 2004-120936, cited by Applicant (on 4/14/06) where in drawing 4 reproduced below, shows wherein the inverter unit (45) is attached and fixed, in physical contact with a side of the battery (42) by a metal plate (43)



Krieger et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,799,993) is further informatively cited to show an inverter and battery connected with a plate (104) similar to said newly added limitation.

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In view of the above the newly added claim limitations fail to place the case in condition for allowance.

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